

FACTSHEET
BOARD OF REGISTRATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Boards of Registration (BOR) is to hear and decide appeals that arise from a voter challenge. The Boards of Registration and their duties and powers are set forth in Chapter 11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

COMPOSITION (HRS § 11- 41)

There is one Board of Registration for each of the islands: (1) for the island of Hawaii, (1) for the island of Maui (which includes Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe), (1) for the island of Kauai (which includes Niihau) and (1) for the island of Oahu. Each Board consists of three members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Board members are appointed for four-year terms. In no case are all members of a single BOR from the same political party.

The Boards of Registration are attached to the Office of Elections for administrative purposes. When convened, the Boards of Registration are supported by the Chief Election Officer (or his representative), the City or County Clerk, Legal Counsel from the Office of the Attorney General, and a secretary.

APPOINTED BOARD OF REGISTRATION MEMBERS

Island of Oahu Board Members

Herman T. Andaya, Jr.
Euclid Lee
Norrie Thompson

Island of Hawaii Board Members

Donald E. Abdul
David M. Vieira, Sr.
Jeanne E. Yagi

Island of Kauai (including Niihau) Board Members

Joy F. Hiraoka
Cathy Shim
Paul Shinseki

Island of Maui (including Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe) Board Members

Harriette L. Holt
Anthony Mondello
Craig G. Nakamura

The several Boards of Registration sit in their respective counties on election day. At the request of City or County Clerk, the Boards of Registration also convene to hear appeals and remain convened until all appeals have been heard [HRS §11-41(c)].

VOTER CHALLENGES PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY (§11-25(a))

- C Prior to election day. Any registered voter may challenge the right of a person to be or to remain registered as a voter.

The challenge should be in writing, explaining the grounds upon which it is based, and be signed by the person making the challenge.

The Clerk upon receipt of a written challenge, shall investigate and rule on the challenge as soon as possible.

VOTER CHALLENGES ON ELECTION DAY (HRS § 11-25(b))

- C Any registered voter who is rightfully in the polling place may challenge another voter's right to vote on the grounds that:

- 1) The voter is not the person the voter alleges to be; or
- 2) The voter is not entitled to vote in that precinct.

- C The challenged voter is first given the opportunity to make the relevant correction and the challenge shall be considered and decided upon immediately by the precinct officials.

APPEAL FROM RULING ON CHALLENGE (§11-26)

- C Any appeals to the rulings made by the Clerk are heard by the appropriate Board of Registration.
- C Either the challenger or the challenged voter has the right of appeal on any ruling made by the Clerk or precinct official to the appropriate Board of Registration.
- C The ruling of the BOR may be appealed to the Hawaii Supreme Court.

COMPENSATION (HRS § 11-42)

Members of the boards of registration shall be compensated pursuant to a schedule established by the chief election officer. The schedule shall be contained in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91. [L 1970, c26, pt of §2; am L 1979, c 133, § 1; am L 1987, c 210, §1; am L 1998, c 56 §1]

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS (§11-44)

The several boards of registration shall each keep books of record in which full and detailed minutes shall be preserved of all their proceedings. The day to day file includes date/place of meeting, names of BOR members present, person whom oath is administered, name of challenger, and all other matters of detail which are likely to have bearing upon the action of the board or any person appearing before it.

This Factsheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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